



Minutes of Council Meeting of Great Ness and Little Ness Parish Council, held at Nesscliffe Village Hall on Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> July 2022 at 7.30pm

**Present** Cllr. Peters (Chairman), Dickinson, Diggory, Gilbert, Nunn, Turner

**Absent:** Cllrs. Arthur, Brooks, Mullis

**In attendance:** Cllr. Ed Potter, Shaun Burkey (Countryside and Heritage Sites Manager North), Steph Burgoyne (Interim Head, St Andrew's School)

**Clerk** Mrs R. Turner

34/2223 **PRESENT & APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

As noted above.

35/2223 **DISCLOSURE OF PECUNIARY INTERESTS & DISPENSATION REQUESTS**

a) *Declaration of any disclosable pecuniary interest in a matter to be discussed at the meeting and which is not included in the register of interests.*

Cllr. Turner declared a pecuniary interest in payments to the clerk.

b) *Dispensation requests*

None.

c) *Gifts or hospitality*

None.

36/2223 **PUBLIC PARTICIPATION SESSION**

a) *A period of 15 minutes is set aside to allow the public the opportunity to speak on an agenda item.*

S. Burgoyne spoke re the MUGA grant and MOU. The basis of the MOU is that it's a community MUGA, so everyone needs to ensure it is used safely. It is proposed to have a community MUGA Facebook group which can be used as a point of contact and to report issues e.g. ASB. The school will maintain the MUGA and cover cost of any damage.

**Councillor queries (queries in italic, answer in normal font)**

1) *If a ball lands on the school side, how will it be retrieved?* If a ball is lost, it will be returned later on. Agreed that a sentence needs adding to the MOU to that effect and signage is needed stating this. The booker can contact the staff leads or make contact via the MUGA Facebook group.

2) *In event of emergency?* Emergencies to be notified via Facebook page.

3) *Clarify that no-one to access the school facilities.* Sentence to be added to clarify this. It was agreed that a digital lock with a one-time code could be a way of controlling access.

4) *Para 4 – noted that if milestones are to be monitored, they need to be outlined in the MOU and reviews of the MUGA's community use are needed.* It was agreed to have a feedback process, with an initial review in September, and to agree further review dates then.

5) *Query re lifespan/guarantees?* Quote £16k, SB to send lifespan/guarantee.

6) *Suggestion of net/back board for balls.* SB to investigate.

**Action: Steph Burgoyne to look into the above issues and amend MOU as necessary.**

b) *Pete Banford, SC Outdoor Partnerships Team Manager to attend and discuss Nesscliffe Country Park*

Shaun Burkey came in place of Pete Banford. He informed the council that the archaeology at the hillfort is nationally significant. A Heritage Lottery Fund bid was rejected, one reason

being lack of community buy-in and need to collate evidence in regard to this. SC intend to re-apply for funding. The £90k bid looked to increase community engagement, through methods such as virtual walkthroughs, comic books. Shaun has promised the dig team some of the Country Park Team's site budget for this year's dug, to be funded by timber extraction. In this regard, the Woodland Management Plan 2013 has commenced implementation.

The parish council highlighted the following issues on the wider site: path condition, fencing, signage, visitor management, drainage (including run off into the wider area). The parish council suggested a strategic approach with funding such as CIL being combined with pots like Severn Trent's Community Fund to deliver some of these improvements. The parish council emphasised it is very keen to work with SC, as custodians of the country park, to come up with a strategy. It was also highlighted that Claire Featherstone suggested some time ago that SC would come up with a strategy and the parish council are keen to see this progress. It was agreed that Cllrs. Diggory and Turner would work together with Shaun to draw up a list of key issues to address. The clerk also suggested using parish newsletters to engage the community, both in relation to the archaeology project and the wider country park.

Action: Cllrs. Diggory and Turner to draw up list of key issues.

37/2223 **MINUTES** – it was **RESOLVED** to confirm the minutes of the Council Meeting dated 7<sup>th</sup> June 2022 as being a correct record and to authorise the chairman to sign them.

38/2223 **REPORTS**

a) *Police Report* – none.

b) *Shropshire Council*

- Census data highlights
  - 5.75% rise in population 2011-2021, under national average.
  - 323,600 people.
  - 1 person per hectare.
  - People aged 65 and over – 82,000 residents, 29.5% increase, has an impact on social and health care and viability of rural schools.
- Unknown costs of care and inflation.
- Setting SC budget will be very hard with inflation.
- SC under the impression that won't see more money from central government to local authorities.
- SC may have to cease many non-statutory services e.g. pest control and services that can be picked up by partners e.g. court-ordered health services.
- NW Relief Road likely to go to October planning committee. Likely to be called to judicial review. Noted that rising costs of the road are a concern.
- Bin delivery to this area likely to be in circa one month.

c) *Youth Club* – Cllr. Gilbert reported that the club had a sponsored walk round the hill. The club AGM is next Monday. It was noted that there has been ASB at the playing field, but the potential perpetrators are generally not youth club attendees. It was therefore agreed to approach Helena Williams (SC Youth Outreach) re engagement with young people. The police will also be asked to start monitoring ASB again. Going forward, the clerk will keep a log of police reports and encourage the community to report ASB.

Action: Clerk to contact Helena Williams, the police and post reporting links on Facebook.

d) *Great Mess to Little Mess* – Cllr. Diggory reported that the group has spent its £500 grant on new equipment. They are waiting for wet weather before doing further planting.

e) *CIL Working Group* – a vehicle has struck the wall next to the bungalows by the car park. It was **RESOLVED** agree to extend the metal car park barrier along this edge of the car park to minimise risk of damage from future incidents. A quote from G Taylor for this work was agreed, subject to clarifying it will be a metal barrier. Issues with footpaths, including path by Wilcott bridge noted.

Action: Clerk to arrange CIL group meeting re the paths.

- f) *Clerk's Report* – noted. The second defibrillator training session in the autumn is to be arranged.

Action: Clerk to liaise with trainer re dates for defibrillator training.

- g) *Parish Councillor Reports (of external meetings attended)* – None.

39/2223 **PLANNING NOTIFICATIONS – FOR INFORMATION**

- 1) 14/03797/OUT - Development Land West Of Oakfield, Nesscliffe, Shrewsbury, Shropshire  
Proposal: Outline application for the erection of 6 No dwellings (to include access)

***Awaiting Decision***

- 2) 14/05257/FUL - Proposed Dwelling Adj. Hopton Farm, Nesscliffe, Shrewsbury, Shropshire  
Proposal: Erection of a Single Plot Exception (SPE) affordable dwelling and formation of access

***Awaiting Decision***

- 3) 17/05151/EIA - Proposed Poultry Units NW Of North Farm, Felton Butler  
Proposal: Erection of four poultry rearing buildings, eight feed bins, biomass store and amenity building including landscaping and tree planting.

***Pending Consideration***

- 4) 22/01008/FUL - Proposed Exception Site Dwellings To The South Of, Little Ness  
Proposal: Erection of single plot exception (SPE) affordable dwelling and garage

***Awaiting Decision***

- 5) 22/01262/VRA106 - 5 Darby Close, Nesscliffe, Shrewsbury, Shropshire, SY4 1DN  
Proposal: Variation of the Section 106 Legal Obligation pursuant to planning permission 14/03259/OUT

***Awaiting Decision***

- 6) 22/01633/FUL - Land For Siting Four Holiday Cabins, Nesscliffe, Shrewsbury, Shropshire  
Proposal: Use of land for siting of four holiday cabins together with associated recreation area, parking area and installation of septic tank

***Decision: Grant Permission***

- 7) 22/01947/FUL - Proposed Development Land At Adcote School, Little Ness  
Proposal: Erection of 3No dwellings (resubmission)

***Decision: Refuse***

- 8) 22/01980/FUL - The Haven, Holyhead Road, Nesscliffe, Shrewsbury, SY4 1AY  
Proposal: Erection of extension to rear of existing garage and detached double garage; erection of retaining wall

***Pending Consideration***

- 9) 22/02437/TPO - 2 Oak Meadow, Nesscliffe, Shrewsbury, Shropshire, SY4 1DB  
Proposal: Removal of the heavy and long limbs that contain decay, by up to 2m, and reduce the rest of the overall tree by up to 2m, to form a balanced shape of 1no Oak protected by the Shrewsbury and Atcham Borough Council (Land Off Hopton Lane, Nesscliffe)  
Variation of Tree Preservation Order 2003 (Ref: SA/148)

***Pending Consideration***

- 10) 22/02290/LBC - Swallow Cottage, Great Ness Barns, Great Ness  
Proposal: Insertion of a roof light

***Pending Consideration***

40/2223 **PLANNING APPLICATIONS – FOR CONSIDERATION**

- 1) 22/02503/REM - Proposed Dwelling To The East Of 16, Queensway, Wilcott, Shrewsbury  
Proposal: Approval of reserved matters (appearance, layout, scale and landscaping) pursuant to outline planning permission 20/04030/OUT for the erection of one detached dwelling to include means of access  
**Comments:** It was **RESOLVED** to support the application as it is an appropriate design and size for the site.

41/2223 **PARISH MATTERS**

- a) *Highways maintenance*
- (i) Hedge and footpath at The Crescent needs clearing and cutting. The bus shelter at the bottom of The Crescent needs jet washing.  
Action: Great Mess to Little Mess.
  - (ii) Footpath surface on Phase 1 and 2 of Hopton Park unresolved.  
Action: Clerk to write to management company
  - (iii) Street sign at bottom of The Crescent (old) – needs repairing.  
Action: Clerk to report.
- b) *Nesscliffe Country Park* – see public session.
- c) *MUGA – MOU* – it was **RESOLVED** to agree the MOU subject to changes agreed in the public session.
- d) *Noticeboard at Hopton Park bus shelter* – it was **RESOLVED** to accept the offer from M. Morris of the equivalent cost of a metal board.
- e) *Website* – quote to be sought from Web Orchard.  
Action: Clerk
- f) *Communication – newsletter template & development of communication strategy.*  
Newsletter to be prepared for early August and circa 100 copies to be printed and remainder to be circulated electronically. Cllrs. Mullis and Dickinson to proof-read/edit.  
Action: Clerk to prepare and Cllr. Mullis and Dickinson.
- g) *Delegation arrangements until September meeting.* It was **RESOLVED** that 3 councillors from the CIL group and the clerk be delegated to sign off the play equipment and outdoor fitness install. It was **RESOLVED** to pre-authorise payments to the value of the quotes for the play area and outdoor fitness equipment and to authorise a further £20,000 of payments between now and September meeting.
- h) *Reports of other parish matters*
- Wall strike at car park
  - Play area install is underway

42/2223 **CORRESPONDENCE**

- a) *Road resurfacing improvements on the B4396 - between 13 and 16 July clearly signed diversions will be in place twenty four hours a day.*  
*For more information please visit the One Network:*  
<https://one.network/?tm=GB129205527>
- b) *Police Annual Parish Council Survey* – noted.
- c) *Cool Shropshire letter* – clerk to send round to councillors

43/2223 **FINANCIAL MATTERS**

- a) *Payments including payments made between meetings* – it was **RESOLVED** to approve the following:

<b>Ref</b>	<b>Payee</b>	<b>Item</b>	<b>Type</b>	<b>Net</b>	<b>VAT</b>	<b>Gross</b>
P21-2223	SCPF	Pension	SO	£186.25	£0.00	£186.25
P22-2223	Rebecca Turner	Salary	SO	£828.08	£0.00	£828.08
P23-2223	Battlefield Print	Car park signs	BACS	£225.00	£45.00	£270.00
P24-2223	HMRC	PAYE Q1	BACS	£412.42	£0.00	£412.42
P25 -2223	SDH Accounting	Internal audit	BACS	£175.68	£0.00	£175.68
P26-2223	Shropshire Council	Elections	BACS	£200.00	£0.00	£200.00
P27-2223	R Turner	Expenses	BACS	£75.98	£4.80	£80.78

- b) *Income received* – noted as follows: £1,500 EMG  
 c) *Q1 budget report and bank reconciliation* – deferred to next meeting.

44/2223 **NEXT MEETING**

- a) *Date* - 6<sup>TH</sup> SEPT 2022, LITTLE NESS VILLAGE HALL, 7.30PM  
 b) *Items for agenda*  
     Electricity supply